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SUBJ: OPERATION FUNNEL

REFTEL: (A) STATE 204956 (B) LIMA 7174 (C) LIMA 7178

1. IN VIEW OF CHANGE IN PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, AND NAMING OF NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR, GENERAL CESAR CAMPOS QUESADA, TO REPLACE GENERAL PEDRO RICHTER PRADA, WE WILL HAVE TO CLEAR "OPERATION FUNNEL" AT GOP POLITICAL LEVEL AGAIN. THIS RE-CLEARANCE PROCESS MAY INCLUDE A CALL BY THE AMBASSADOR ON THE NEW MINISTER.

2. AT NOON SEPTEMBER 2 SAIC SAUCEDO MET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PIP ALFONSO RIVERA-SANTANDER REGARDING NECESSITY OF CLEARING OPERATION FUNNEL THROUGH THE NEW MINISTER. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL STATED THAT HE EXPECTED NO CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF OPERATION FUNNEL BY THIS MINISTER. HE BASED HIS OPINION ON THE FACT THAT THE NEW MINISTER IS WELL KNOWN TO THE PIP. THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO THIS MINISTER WAS THE VICE-MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND A LONG RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN THE PIP AND GENERAL CAMPOS
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QUESADA. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE DIRECTOR FELT THAT

THE PLANNING OF OPERATION FUNNEL SHOULD CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 3 DIRECTOR GENERAL RIVERA-SANTANDER IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR CAMPOS QUESADA AND WILL AT THAT TIME ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR OPERATION FUNNEL. WE WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES.

4. IN REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF REF (A) EMBASSY CONCURS WITH MODIFICATIONS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 4.

5. PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF (A) STATES THAT LAINCC IS "RELUCTANT TO FINANCE AVERAGE \$10 PER DAY PER DIEM FOR DIN OFFICIALS FOR DURATION OF CAMPAIGN". THE CRITERION USED IS THAT THERE IS "DOUBT THAT THE GOP WOULD BE INFLUENCED TO FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO ISSUE OF INSURING THAT ITS FORCES WILL REMAIN OPERATIONAL IN THE FIELD BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE PER DIEM FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES OR SOME OTHER SOLUTION." WE SUBMIT THAT WHAT THE GOP IS ATTEMPTING TO DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION IS MUCH MORE ADEQUATE THAN WHAT PARA 5 REQUESTS AS CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLYING THE \$10 PER DAY PER DIEM.

6. WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE IS TO HAVE THE PIP DIRECTORATE OF NARCOTICS ESTABLISH OTHER DIVISIONS OF NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT UNITS (DIN) ON A PERMANENT BASIS IN OTHER CITIES OF PERU. IT WOULD BE THESE PERMANENT DIN UNITS WHICH WOULD PARTICIPATE DURING OPERATION FUNNEL AND WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY RECEIVE THE EQUIPMENT UTILIZED IN OPERATION FUNNEL, TO BE USED AND SUPPORTED BY THE PIP ON A PERMANENT BASIS. THE FIRST STEP IN ATTEMPTING TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHANGE IS TO RAISE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL OF NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIONS FROM DIVISION STRENGTH, WITH ONLY LIMA CITY JURISDICTION, TO DIRECTORATE STRENGTH WITH NATIONAL JURISDICTION. THIS FIRST STEP WAS OFFICIALLY CONSUMMATED AUG 19, 1975.

7. IN REF TO PARA 7 OF REF (A), EMBASSY CONCURS IN SENDING MOBILE TASK FORCE SPECIALIST JOHN COLLINS TO LIMA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY
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